

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, which comprises the step of focusing laser energy at a point to cause the first and second layers to completely separate from each other.

Claims 2 to 4. (CANCELLED)

5. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 1, wherein the information or storage device is rotated.

Claim 6. (CANCELLED)

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, which comprises the step of applying thermal energy to the first and second layers to cause the first and second layers to completely separate from each other.

Claims 8 and 9. (CANCELLED)

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 1, wherein the information or data storage device is a DVD.

11. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, wherein the apparatus has means for focusing laser energy into the information or data storage device at a point to cause the first and second layers to completely separate from each other.

Claims 12 to 14. (CANCELLED)

15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of Claim 14 11, wherein the information or storage device can be rotated.

Claim 16. (CANCELLED)

17. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) An apparatus for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, wherein the apparatus has means for applying thermal energy to the first and second layers to cause the first and second layers to completely separate from each other.

Claims 18 and 19. (CANCELLED)

20. (ORIGINAL) The apparatus of Claim 11, wherein the information or data storage device is a DVD.

21. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) A method of destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, which comprises the steps of:

(a) applying laser or thermal energy to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other; and

(b) treating one or both of the first and second layers to render them inoperable of storing or carrying information or data.

22. (ORIGINAL) The method of Claim 21, wherein in step (b) the first or second layer is reduced to small particle size pieces.

23. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of Claim 7, wherein the information or data storage device is rotated.

24 (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of Claim 7, wherein the information or data storage device is a DVD.

25. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein the information or data storage device can be rotated.

26. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The apparatus of Claim 17, wherein the information or data storage device is a DVD.

27. (NEW) A method for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, which comprises focusing laser energy at a point to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other, wherein the information or data storage device is rotated.

28. (NEW) A method for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, which comprises applying thermal energy to the first and second layers to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other, wherein the information or data storage device is rotated.

29. (NEW) An apparatus for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, wherein the apparatus focuses laser energy into the information or data storage device at a point to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other and the information or data storage device is rotated.

30. (NEW) An apparatus for destroying or disabling an information or data storage device comprising a first layer and a second layer bonded together, wherein the apparatus applies thermal energy to the first and second layers to cause the first and second layers to separate from each other and the information or data storage device is rotated.